

July saw significant progress on some of our construction projects. Taylor Road was paved with base material on Saturday, July 27. The contractor is currently completing the ditching and culvert installations. My estimate on completion is around August 16. We did approve a change order for \$30,918.00. This change was to cover three additional culverts that were added to the project, the excavation and replacement of unsuitable material on a section of shoulder, and the ripping of 700 ft of ditch line that has a continuous water flow. We also had two back slopes that became too steep to mow, so we ripped them. A section of the Heywood Road has been ditched and culverts changed. It is ready to be reclaimed and paved. We are presently changing culverts on the Garland Road and will commence ditching next week. It will be overlaid after this work is completed.

We signed a contract with Nitram Excavation to complete the sewer work on Robert Street. They should be commencing this project around August 19.

On your agenda you will see a request for \$35,000.00 for upgrades to a pump station on the Augusta Road. Both the meter panel and the pump control panels are rusted out. In planning this project, it was also discovered that the transformers on the pole belong to the Town. Part of the upgrade is to have CMP install a new service to this station, thereby removing the responsibility of the transformers and associated hardware from us. The new panels will be stainless steel due to their proximity to the road. I am also installing a transfer switch to allow the use of a generator when needed. This upgrade is something that will have to be done to approximately four other stations. At this time, only one pump station is set up to run on a generator, but we presently do not own a generator capable of powering these pumps. In the near future we will need to purchase a couple of portable generators or install permanent ones at each station.

On the personnel side, I have two employees who have given their two week notice. Richard Chapman and Roger Morrisette will both be done on August 17, 2013. They are both using up their vacation and comp time at this time. I also have an employee who was injured on the Taylor Road and is presently on light duty and awaiting further medical treatment. As you can see, we are operating short handed at this time. Some projects may take longer to complete. We have promoted Dave Fournier to replace Roger Morrisette on Truck #3, but he will not be able to actually move up until we hire a replacement for him on the trash truck. The other position will probably be a new hire as well.

Respectfully submitted by,

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